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June 3rd: Trinity Sunday "Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations...I am with you always".
Matt 28: 16-20

Reflection: "*What's it all about Alfie?*" was the question in the old song. The answer? It's all about relationship. God is a relational God who wants to share God's life and love with us and all of creation. God is the source of life, enfleshed in the world in Jesus, and the Spirit of the world.... the Trinity of completeness. Made in God's image, we are relational beings. God's relationship with us is enduringly faithful and is pure gift. No matter what we do, God is always there. What most of us don't realise is that God's relationship is with **all of creation**. "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation" are the words of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. How do we relate with other species? Do we trample on them for our own benefit? Are we aware that we are contributing to a massive loss of biodiversity through the way we live?

Fact File: The iconic koala is now a threatened species in NSW and Western Queensland. High levels of carbon dioxide reduces the quality of their food by decreasing the protein content and digestibility of plants. They are also affected by heat, drought, bushfires and loss of habitat.

Learn More: www.savethekoala.com

Take Action: June 5th is World Environment Day. Contact your local Council and get your school and parish involved in their local action. Include prayer for the environment in your liturgy for Trinity Sunday.